

# News Release



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## Drug Arrest

On Tuesday evening, June 20<sup>th</sup>, Frederick County Sheriff's Deputies were called out to a residence in the 10700 block of Powell Road in Thurmont in reference to a drug complaint. Preliminary investigation at the scene revealed sufficient probable cause to obtain a Search and Seizure Warrant for the location.

While awaiting the signing of the Search and Seizure Warrant, the target of the investigation, Justin Godfrey Mitchell, was observed by investigators driving back towards his residence. A traffic stop was initiated on his vehicle and a Sheriff's Office K9 was brought to the scene and conducted a scan. The K9 alerted on the vehicle and a subsequent search located the following:

1. Numerous syringes
2. Suspected methadone (Crushed)
3. \$2243.00 in US Currency

The search of Mr. Mitchell's residence as a result of the search and seizure warrant was then conducted and the following items located within the apartment:

- 1.) 794 grams of marijuana (1.7 lbs)**
- 2.) 990 Xanax bars**
- 3.) 3 Oxycodone pills**
- 4.) 19 Methadone pills**
- 5.) Various steroids**
- 6.) 9mm handgun**
- 7.) Loaded 12GA pistol grip shotgun**

The suspect, Justin Godfrey Mitchell, 34, of Thurmont, was taken into custody, transported to Central Booking and charged with numerous drug and weapon charges. Justin Mitchell remains incarcerated at the Frederick County Adult Detention Center on a No Bond status awaiting a bond review.